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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Makoto SAITO

Serial Number: 08/895,493

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For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING DATA BASE COPYRIGHTS



Group Art Unit: 2766

Examiner: H. Sayadian

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 15, 1999

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 16, 1999, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 95, 111 and 127 as follows:

~~95. (Amended) A method for controlling copyrights of digital data comprising the steps of:~~
~~supplying encrypted digital data from a database to a user;~~
~~in response to a request by said user, supplying [a] at least one utilization permit key~~
~~including a crypt key for said digital data from a key control center to said user, said utilization~~
~~permit key comprising at least one of a display permit key, an edit permit key, a storage permit key,~~
~~a copy permit key, and a transfer permit key; and~~

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